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PLAINS, GA. (AP) -- CIA DIRECTOR GEORGE BUSH BRIEFED PRESIDENT-ELECT JIMMY CARTER FOR NEARLY SIX HOURS TODAY ON THE HIGHLY SECRET METHODS HIS AGENCY USES TO GATHER INTELLIGENCE AROUND THE WORLD.

AS BUSH RETURNED TO THE GRASS STRIP THAT SERVES PLAINS AS AN AIRPORT, HE TOLD REPORTERS HE HAD VISITED PRESIDENT FORD BEFORE FLYING TO GEORGIA AND WAS TOLD TO GIVE CARTER FULL ACCESS TO ANY INFORMATION HE MIGHT DESIRE.

IT WAS BUSH'S THIRD INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING FOR CARTER AND BY FAR THE MOST COMPLETE.

THE CIA DIRECTOR SAID HE NOW HOPES TO BRIEF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT ON A ROUTINE BASIS USING OTHER AGENCY PERSONNEL AND SAID CARTER CAN HAVE THE DAILY INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING MATERIAL GIVEN FORD IF HE WANTS IT.

''HE WILL RECEIVE WHAT HE DESIRES,'' BUSH SAID. ''THE PRESIDENT SAID GIVE HIM FULL ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND THAT'S WHAT HE'LL RECEIVE.''

HE SAID CARTER WAS WELL PREPARED FOR THE BRIEFING AND HAD ''CLEARLY DONE A LOT OF READING SINCE I SAW HIM LAST IN THE AREAS OF STRATEGIC CONCERN.''

BUSH CONTINUED TO REFUSE TO DISCUSS HIS OWN FUTURE AND DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER OR NOT THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS REMAINING AS CIA DIRECTOR HAD BEEN RAISED AT THE MEETING.

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